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Jr. Naturalist: Birds

Join other Junior Naturalists as we learn about birds! We'll peek into nestboxes and other hot spots, learn back-yard bird identification, take field notes as we hike, and much more! All participants receive a patch -- attend 3 spring/fall courses get your name on a plaque in the nature center! No class on Tuesday, April 16th. Fly on down for this one! (Linda Bailey, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
April 9-May 7	9-16	Tu	4:30pm-6pm	Motts Run Nature Center	\$55/\$67

Fun with Fossils

Calling all dino lovers, join us at Alum Spring Park to see some multi-million year old fossils, including mako shark teeth, whale bones and ancient artifacts. We'll also make a fossil you can bring home and take a hike to see fossils in our cool sandstone cliffs right in the park. (Mimi Dempsey, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
May 9	4-7	Th	4:30pm-5:30pm	Alum Spring Park Pavilion	\$6/\$6

Dipnetting for Dragonflies

Splash into your springtime Saturday at Motts Run Reservoir! We'll search the greening lakeshore for aquatic insects and more. From tadpoles to insect larvae, tiny mosquito fish to crawfish...there's a world of wonder just beneath the water's surface. (Kids must attend with paying adult.) Wear mud shoes! (Doris Bryant, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
May 11	5-Adult	Sa	10am-11am	Motts Run Nature Center	\$4/\$4



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Cicada Mania

They're BAAAAACCKK! Brood II of the 17-year periodical cicadas, last seen in Fredericksburg in 1996, will be emerging from their underground nymph stage soon! Parents, you remember their bulging red eyes and incessant hum from the treetops! Well, now they're calling all kids to come investigate and have some cicada mania! Snack included--hmmmm!?! (Parents must attend with children under 10.) (Linda Bailey, Instructor)

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May 14	6-12	W	4:30pm-6pm	Motts Run Nature Center	\$8/\$8

Frog Walk

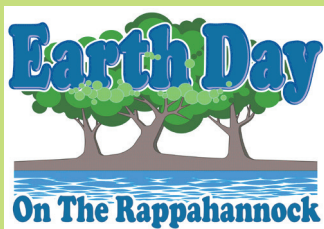
Bullfrogs "bellowing," pickerel frogs "snoring," cricket frogs "clicking," and more, on this memorable night hike! We'll enjoy a cacophony of sound along the lakeshore at Motts Reservoir as these spring frogs tune up...bound to be a perfect evening. Great for all amphibian enthusiasts--old and young alike. Just bring a flashlight and wear boots or shoes you can get muddy. (Family event--adults and kids both pay--min. age 5!) (Linda Bailey & Doris Bryant, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
May 31	5-Adult	F	8:15pm-9:15pm	Motts Run Nature Center	\$5/\$5

Stargazing in the Park

Astronomer Myron Wasiuta has returned for a spectacular series of stargazing programs at Motts Run Reservoir! You'll have an opportunity to discover the wonders of the universe through a powerful computer-controlled Celestron 14-inch telescope and other state-of-the-art equipment. Dress warmly, bring a lawn chair (optional) and come prepared for a great adventure! [For Adults and Families - min. age 8] Space is limited and all must pay. Preregistration required for EACH of the following.

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April 20	5-Adult	Sa	9:00pm-10:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir	\$4/\$4
May 11	5-Adult	Sa	9:00pm-10:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir	\$4/\$4
June 8	5-Adult	Sa	9:00pm-10:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir	\$4/\$4
July 20	5-Adult	Sa	9:00pm-10:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir	\$4/\$4
Sept 28	5-Adult	Sa	8:00pm-9:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir	\$4/\$4



Earth Day at Old Mill Park

Saturday, April 13, 2013

11am-3pm

(Raindate, April 20)

Bring grandma, the neighbors, the kids...It's the 10th annual Earth Day festival! Held at Old Mill Park on the Rappahannock River, this Virginia Green Event will have live music, dozens of environmental exhibitors, alternative fuel cars, alpacas, live birds of prey, beekeepers, "See and Touch Nature Gallery," pony rides, a kayak raffle, lots of hands-on activities, great food vendors, and more! And it's all FREE!! Walk the new Heritage Trail and join us on April 13th! (Raindate April 20th).

To get involved contact Linda Bailey at 372-1086 x 213



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Canoeing 101

Sail on over to Motts Run Reservoir to learn basic canoe safety and some simple strokes. Practice as we paddle the beautiful waters of the reservoir. For ages 5 to adult, kids under 10 must paddle with a paying adult. Wear shoes that can get wet. All equipment provided. (Mimi Dempsey, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
June 6	5-Adult	Th	4:30pm-6:00pm	Motts Run Reservoir	\$10/\$10

Sunset Canoe Float

Enjoy a memorable evening paddling the still waters of Motts Run Reservoir! We'll poke into coves and search the shoreline for beavers, bats, and osprey while the setting sun paints the sky (Full Moon 6/22 & 7/22). All equipment and delicious snack provided! For adults and families -- children must be at least 6 and able to sit quietly for over an hour--everyone pays. Canoe can hold two paddlers and one (or two small) passenger/s.

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
June 22	6-Adult	Sat	8:00pm-9:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir Boat Landing	\$9/\$9
July 22	6-Adult	Mon	7:45pm-9:15pm	Motts Run Reservoir Boat Landing	\$9/\$9
Aug 31	6-Adult	Sat	7:15pm-8:45pm	Motts Run Reservoir Boat Landing	\$9/\$9

Tracks, Scat and Sign

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the woods when you are not looking? Come on out to Motts Run Reservoir and we will become nature detectives as we play some cool games and hike the woods to find out who's been there ahead of us. (Mimi Dempsey, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
July 1	6-12	M	4:30pm-6:00pm	Motts Run Nature Center	\$6/\$6

Stars, Stories and S'mores

Gather around the campfire for s'more roasting and good old-fashioned fun! We'll listen for the songs of the night along the lakeshore, then add some of our own. Toss in some stars and stories and we'll call this a campfire you won't forget! Bring a lawn chair or sit in our amphitheater. A flashlight is good for the walk back to your car. (Payment required for everyone.) (Linda Bailey, Instructor)

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July 13	4-Adult	Sa	8:30pm-9:30pm	Motts Run Reservoir (Amphitheater)	\$6/\$6

Pirate Hike

Ahoy there mateys, calling all scallywags and pirates to join us at Alum Spring Park to have a whale of a time being pirates. We'll search for buried treasure at the end of our adventure. Meet at the Pavilion. Wear bathing suit, water shoes and bring a towel. For ages 4-7. Parents attend at no charge. (Pirates won't be swimmin' but will be splashin' around!) (Mimi Dempsey, Instructor)

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Aug 10	4-7	Sa	10:00am-11:00am	Alum Spring Park	\$6/\$6

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KID'S FISHING DERBY

Sat. June 8, 2013

9:00am-Noon

FREE! Ages 4-16

Enjoy a great family time at the annual Kids' Fishing Derby at Motts Run Reservoir!

Kids ages 4-16 may REGISTER FREE on site on Saturday, June 8th (raindate 9th) from 7:30-10:30am. Tournament held from 9am-Noon.

Enjoy fishing, limited boat rental, games, prizes, food vendor, picnicking. Bring fishing gear, lawn chair. Weigh-in begins at NOON with awards and dozens of door prizes to follow.

Volunteers & Sponsors Needed!!

Call Linda Bailey at 372-1086 x 213.

VA Game Dept. 'Free Fishing Weekend' - no license required!



Night Catfishing

Fridays: May 24, June 21,
July 19, August 16, Sept. 13

8:30pm-1:00am

Motts Run Reservoir

Regular fishing fees apply

All Ages



Enjoy Night Catfishing at Motts Run Reservoir! Fridays, May 24, June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 13. Bank Fishing after hours from 8:30pm-1:00am! Bring your gear & license. No pre-registration required. Regular fishing fees apply.

Questions? Call 786-8989.

Blowing Off Steam

Attentions all budding, vulcanologists, come have a "blast" doing some hands on activities to learn all about Volcanoes. We'll even explode our own and have a volcano snack. (Mimi Dempsey, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
Aug 14	4-7	W	4:30pm-5:30pm	Alum Spring Park Pavilion	\$6/\$6

Wildflowers at Dixon Park

From the lovely evening primrose, to the tiny monkey flower and ironweed, milkweed and thistle, late summer flowers are in full bloom at Dixon Park! Take a simple stroll among the fields and wetlands to discover a world of wildflowers at your feet! (Linda Bailey, Instructor)

Dates	Ages	Days	Time	Location	Fee (R/NR)
Sept 8	8-Adult	Su	3:00pm-4:15pm	Dixon Park	\$6/\$6

Firebuilding

Come learn how to build a fire using a variety of methods, including at least one without matches. We'll also make some fire starters out of re-cycled materials for you to take home. (Mimi Dempsey, Instructor)

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Sept 14	8-14	Sa	10:00am-11:30am	Motts Run Nature Center	\$8/\$8

